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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Fortunately, I now live in an area where there are several small internet companies. But for years, I was forced to sign up with one of the big, faceless, frustrating internet companies. I could never get help without having to pay service fees, was routinely paying higher prices, and had throttled internet even at the highest price tiers.

Internet is no longer a luxury. I need it to pay my bills, keep up with local events, and for my job. I felt a tremendous sense of freedom when I realized I didnt have to be a Comcast zombie anymore. Competition is important to provide options and to remind the big guys that they arent the only option and they have to continue to improve their services.

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